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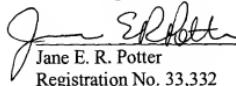
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 4, 2002, applicants have cancelled the pending claims and added new claims 23-38, which are directed to polynucleotides of the invention. Applicants submit that these claims all within one group and are not subject to further restriction. As a search has not yet been performed, applicants submit that there is no undue burden on the Examiner to enter the amendment and examiner claims 23-38.

Respectfully submitted,

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